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Irate Greenbelters Air Gerrymandered Redistricting Plan in Public Session

by Mavis Fletcher

At the public "airing" of the Redistricting Commission's gerrymandered plan, held in the Council Chambers last Tuesday, October 27, Greenbelters and others expressed their feelings of betrayal on an issue which will be with the county until 1994 — the year in which redistricting will next affect an election. From the heavily Democratic citizenry of Greenbelt to such speakers as the Reverend Perry Smith, who supported the Ennis revised plan on behalf of the black religious community, it was evident that a great deal of anger had been generated by the county council's unconcern for its traditional constituency.

The city council had set this airing to ensure, as Mayor Richard Castaldi put it, that the public knows what the recommended plan does to Greenbelt. Those present certainly gave their support, vociferously attacking the recommended plan, the motives of the three Democratic commission members who voted for it and the county council's unresponsiveness thus far to concerns about the unfairness of the plan, not only to Greenbelt but to women and the black minority.

State Senator Edward Conroy described the plan recommended by the commission — the so-called Hendershot revised plan — as "outrageous" and urged the county council to come up with a plan which meets the letter and spirit of the redistricting guidelines. Delegate Gerard Devlin termed the plan "ghastly" and described the process which produced it as "an obvious and crude political effort." David Bird, delegate from the Cheverly/New Carrollton area, appeared in support of Greenbelt's opposition to the plan and read a letter from Delegate Joan Pitkin, absent because of illness. James Hubbard, member of the Democratic Central Committee, emphasized that he was speaking for himself and not for the Central Committee but nevertheless felt strongly enough about the issue that he characterized what has happened with this plan as "making a mockery of the political process." School Board member Lesley Kreimer said she had not believed the commission would "come up with this kind of blatant political plan."

Two members of the Redistricting Commission — William Gullett and Wayne Curry — spoke at the meeting. Gullett, former county executive, was (with Ella Ennis) one of the two minority Republicans on the commission; Curry, with Chairman Hervey Machen

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Two public hearings on Redistricting Plans will be held by the County Council in the Hearing Room of the County Administration Building in Upper Marlboro:

Thurs., Nov. 19, 9 a.m. Ennis Plan and amendment to the Commission Plan.

Wed., Nov. 25, 9 a.m. Wynn-Smith Plan.

County Council is expected to make its decision on Nov. 25 following the public hearing.

Carpool

To carpool to Upper Marlboro call 345-2327 or be at the city parking lot near Surburban Trust at 8 a.m.

and Thomas Hendershot, was one of the three-man Democratic majority.

Gullett strongly supported efforts to revive the Ennis revised plan which has been introduced for county council consideration by council member Ann Lombardi. (The Ennis plan, one of four presented in a series of public hearings in September, received widespread public support from all factions which appeared at those meetings. The Commission plan was not presented at those public hearings but was produced as the majority plan at its last meeting and sent to the County Council as the Commission's official recommendation.)

Gullett, who read a letter from Ella Ennis who was unable to be present, furnished copies of the minority report which contained strong objections to the majority plan. Six specific objections cited in the minority report are:

"1.) We question the constitutionality of an 11.2% variance between the districts in the proposed Majority Plan. This variance above the accepted 10% stated in various Supreme Court cases has not been justified. It could have easily been avoided.

2.) The Majority Plan adopted was presented at the last work session of the Commission allowing no time for review by the public or the Commission as a body, although obviously with the prior agreement of the three Majority members of the Commission. Withholding the majority backed plan until the last possible meeting violates the spirit of the democratic principle of open government.

How to Battle The Gerrymander

by Micki Weidenfeld

At 8 a.m. on Thursday, November 19 and again on Wednesday, November 25 Greenbelt residents will gather in the city parking lot near the Suburban Trust Bank to car-pool to Upper Marlboro. Rides will be available to those who want to attend the redistricting hearings and require transportation.

The two county council hearings on the several proposed redistricting plans will be the last public opportunities for Greenbelters to express their opinions on the redrawing of county council districts. It is important that many Greenbelters speak at these hearings. Call Ms. Jean Schmul at 952-3600 to sign up to speak.

The petition begun by the Redistricting Action Committee of the Roosevelt Democratic Club is now being circulated by many Greenbelt groups and individuals. To date, more than 1000 signatures have been collected. Those who cannot attend the public hearings may be represented by signing the petition. Anyone with an hour or two to spare is urged to pick up a petition and circulate it through one or two courts or streets. Petitions are available from J. Davis, 345-3213, Muriel Weidenfeld, 345-2327, and Peg Johnson 345-2660. The deadline for turning in petitions is Sunday, November 15.

Pre-printed postcards directed to the County Council that register a protest against Greenbelt being redistricted with Bowie may be picked up at the Greenbelt city office.

Registration Drive

The long-range plan of building Greenbelt's voting power with a voter registration drive to date has resulted in the registering of over 100 new voters.

On Saturday, November 7, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., there will be tables set up in the Center and at the Safeway for residents to register to vote and to sign petitions and postcards.

ocratic principle of open government.

3.) The proposed Majority Plan denies equitable representation opportunities to black citizens, South county citizens and the citizens of Greenbelt.

4.) The drawing of the boundaries of District III, IV and VI represent examples of gerrymandering, benefiting individuals contrary to guideline 6.

5.) The Majority Plan provides for two majority black districts with majorities of 80 and 69 percent respectively, in a county with a 37% black population. It has been clearly demonstrated that

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Greenbelt Homes Budget Calls for 7.19% Increase

by Mary Lou Williamson

The Greenbelt Homes Board of Directors and Audit Committee met for two sessions, Thursday, October 22 and 29, to review the 1982 budget of \$5.34 million presented by General Manager Timothy Mitter. An informational budget briefing for members will be held tonight, November 5, at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Building. The board expects to continue discussion on the budget November 12. Management was complimented by the board for its early presentation of the budget.

The operating budget calls for an overall increase of 7.19%. (Approval by the membership is required for an increase above 10%.) The largest single item is earmarked for "energy costs," \$1.7m even though the board fully expects all the old oil-burning plants to have been decommissioned by this time next year and replaced with individual electric heat. In a move reminiscent of last year, management has planned a budget that covers the cost of fuel oil for less than a full year — eleven months. According to Comptroller Don McGinn, GHI burns 20% of the year's supply of oil in the month of December — hence the push to get all plants off line before then. What is different this year is that GHI has the financing required and is in the process of getting Phase II rehab underway.

Beginning early in 1982 the smaller heating plants will be converted and the affected members will begin paying for their heat and hot water directly to the electric utility. In order that these members not pay "twice" for these services, the board has determined that a member will receive an "energy rebate" following decommission of his unit's boiler plant. This "energy rebate" will be roughly equivalent to the increase his electric bill will show for heat and hot water.

(Factoring into the budget a 12 month supply of oil instead of 11 would put the overall increase in operating charges at 12.98%, well above the point at which membership approval is needed. The staff did prepare such an alternative budget for the board and members to consider, but does not recommend it.)

The second largest single item is \$960,000 for payment on the two rehab loans. It represents construction interest payable on draws from the \$13.7 m. Co-op

Bank loan and begins payback on the HUD loan of \$6.4 m. A portion of this amount was collected in previous years, (\$150,000) and has been drawing interest.

"Interest Credit"

Members who have completed some portion of rehab on their own will receive a monthly "interest credit." This group includes those who put in windows, insulation, siding and/or electric heat themselves and so did not finance this work through GHI (either the HUD loan or the Co-op Bank loan). Because the corporation will not pay interest on financing their work, this "savings" will be passed back to the member in the form of an "interest credit."

Two Examples

A member in a two-bedroom, See GHI BUDGET, page 8, col. 2

Construction Problems Continue at Roosevelt

by Elaine Skolnik

Tonight the Prince Georges Board of Education will receive a report on construction problems at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, a thorough, ongoing examination of the building — particularly the construction aspects of the exterior walls — has been taking place.

Brian Porter, spokesman for the county public school system said, "There is no safety problem . . . no danger to the students . . . We are taking prudent precautions to keep students out of the way of the investigation." Porter was referring to the snow fence placed around the west wall.

Roosevelt, opened in September 1976, has not yet been accepted into the Prince Georges County school system. Certain corrections and certifications must be made before the building can be accepted. Reportedly, the county has not made the final payment on the contract and won't until all corrections have been accomplished.

Tests of the exterior walls taken by an independent civil engineering firm from April 1979 to December 1979 revealed that the walls were stable. However, there was a question at the time as to whether wall x-rays complied with requirements.

Details of the report to the school board will appear in a future issue of the News Review

HOLIDAY REFUSE

SCHEDULE

Due to the Veteran's Day

Holiday, Wednesday, November

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Refuse collection for Monday,

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

will follow the regular schedule.



GHI PROPOSED 1982 BUDGET

Membership Briefing on the Budget
Greenbelt City Council Chambers
Thursday, November 5 at 8 p.m.

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Board discussion continues on
Thursday, November 12 at 8 p.m.
in GHI Board Room, Hamilton Place

WHAT GOES ON

Thursday, Nov. 5, 8 p.m. GHI Informational Budget Briefing, Municipal Building

Mon., Nov. 9, GHI Offices Closed

8 p.m. City Council Work Session, Municipal Building

Wed., Nov. 11 City Offices Closed

Thurs., Nov. 12, 8 p.m. GHI Board Meeting, Budget Discussion, Hamilton Pl.

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Cheers

The final countdown of the U.S. census, 1980 version, is apparently complete. In the official certification from the Bureau of the Census, the City of Greenbelt was notified that its population as of April 1, 1980, was 17,332. The number of housing units was 8,005.

These figures should wind up the Twentieth Decennial Census as far as Greenbelt is concerned. Previous figures released by the Census Bureau in June were only approximations — "just over 17,330" for people, "approximately 8,000" for dwelling units.

Nevertheless, a note of uncertainty is struck in the final sentence of the official federal certification: "This certified count is subject to change pending the outcome of the various lawsuits concerning the census counts." Is there a note of weariness in that admission? In any case, as far as we know, none of the legal complaints are from Greenbelt.

So here's to us — all 17,332!

Very Satisfying

There's something very satisfying about the look of the new post office — and of course about the decision to keep the facility in the Center. Already the lower parking lot has a livelier air. And we confess to finding it appealing to have all this activity presided over by the comfortable couple on the park bench who look out over the scene from their space in the mural.

The mural is a relatively recent addition to the city's art work — a Bicentennial contribution. But it is much in the spirit of the Depression-era statuary and bas reliefs provided by a federal Works Progress Administration artist when the town was new. Murals were an important part of the WPA art scene, though none came to Greenbelt at that time.

The mural over the post office was funded also by the federal government, through the National Endowment for the Arts. It is pleasant to think that it adds luster to the building that houses so important an institution as the Greenbelt Post Office.

Mishkan Torah News

Rabbi Steven Bayar will speak on "The True Test of Faith" on Friday, November 6 at 8 p.m. at Mishkan Torah. Saturday services start at 9:30 a.m.

Baptist Church Shows Film

Greenbelt Baptist Church will show an 80-minute film "Heavenly Deception" on Sunday, November 8 at 6:30 p.m. It is the true story of a college student who becomes involved with one of the cults today. The film gives insights on the methods of cults. The public is invited to attend. The church is located at Crescent and Greenhill.

HARVEST BAZAAR

A harvest time bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 7, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at St. Gregory of Nyssa Byzantine Catholic Church, 12420 Old Gunpowder Road, Beltsville. Booths will include crafts, special holiday crafts, bake sale, plants, silk flower arrangements, attic treasures, religious articles, gift shop and "kiddie corner." A cake decorating demonstration will be given at 1 p.m. Food and beverages will be available.

For information call Father Emil Sopoliga, pastor, 953-9323 or Mary Jane, 474-5399.

Kastner at Cellar Door

Local guitarist Joel Kastner will perform at the Cellar Door, Georgetown, on Sunday, November 15, and Monday, November 16, with two different groups — the John Carroll Band, and Melissa Berman and The Thin Man Band.

Bake/Rummage Sale

A rummage sale will be held at the Mishkan Torah, Ridge and Westway, on Sunday, November 8 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Baked goods will also be featured from 9 a.m. until sellout. On Monday the rummage sale, which is sponsored by the Sisterhood, continues from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A FREE LECTURE ON CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

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Help in Time of Crisis

by Leta Mach

While no one looks forward to a crisis, it is often during one that people best demonstrate their capacity to help others. One such crisis was a fire at the Greenbelt Plaza Apartments on Monday, October 19.

The fire at 53-A and 53-B Crescent Road in Greenbelt was quickly controlled by area firefighters. The only personal injury was a cut received by a fireman. However, 10 families were left homeless by the blaze.

Many individuals and organizations responded to the crisis. Among these were people involved in the Greenbelt Homes, Inc., (GHI) Rehabilitation Project. Helping other people is a "human obligation," explained Sam Schwallenberg, Chief Inspector.

Schwallenberg and both Rehabilitation inspectors, Tom DeVries and John McLeish, offered their help. DeVries said, "I enjoy helping people in time of need." Assistance also came from workers of Gehring Construction Company, Beltway Aluminum Company, and Atkinson Plumbing Company, subcontractors on the Rehabilitation Project. The workers included Dick Gehring, Rich Gehring, Glenn Archibald, Bob Massey, Brian Kennedy, Jim Eddins, Tim Avery, and Benny Walters. The men worked from 4:30-7 p.m. moving furniture for two families. Furniture from one apartment was moved to a downstairs apartment, while furniture from the other was driven to a storage area.

Dick Gehring, owner of Gehring Construction Company, volunteered the use of two of his trucks for this job. The men also offered their help when these families find another place to live.

Eddins was primarily responsible for initiating this help. "He's a super person," said Schwallenberg. Eddins explained that he is a "life-long member of the community and knows first hand how distressed people are after a crisis or fire."

The resident manager of the apartments, Robin Croteau, said that she had noticed the men helping. Although there is no set date, repairs on the apartment units will probably take six to eight months. Some people are interested in returning to their apartments. "It was quite an experience and something I'll never forget," said Croteau.

Paint Branch Unitarian Church

Powder Mill Rd. near Cherry Hill

9:30 a.m.: Forum, Senator Dorman, "Reapportionment in Maryland"

11 a.m.: Guest Service, "Resolving Conflicts in Everyday Life", Becky Williams, Washington Peace Center

THANKS

To the Editor:

We want to express our sincere appreciation to all our friends who came to us with offers of their homes and their help because we lost so much in the fire. We especially want to thank the Police Dispatcher Pat McAndrew and City Policeman Kenneth Stair for giving special care to our personal belongings. Without their concern our loss would have been greater.

Greenbelt is truly a good place to live. I know, I've been here since 1952.

We are forever grateful to all.

John, Sally and Elaine Robbins
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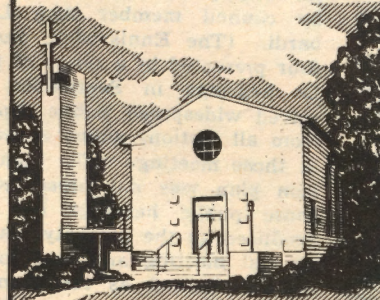
11 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

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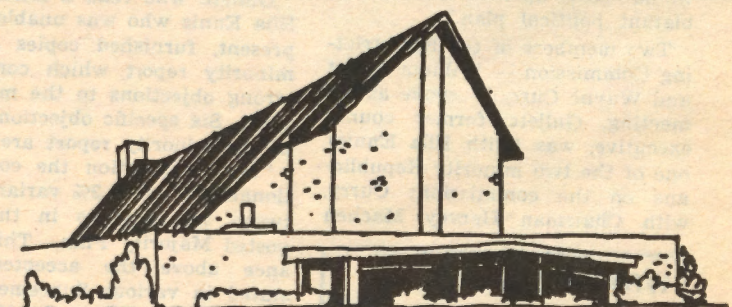


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 Rev. Harry Taylor co-pastors



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Sunday School: 9:50 a.m.

Sunday morning nursery at both services

Edward H. Birner, Pastor

Phone 345-5111

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three majority black districts can be achieved with a 60 percent or higher majority. A majority of approximately 60 percent is sufficient to elect black representatives as demonstrated by the 1974 elections in the 25th Legislative District.

6.) The plan endorsed by the three majority members ignores the overwhelming public testimony at the public hearings, favoring the Ennis Revised Plan of compact districts with equal representation for the Northern Southern and Mid-county regions; separation of Greenbelt from Bowie and three majority black districts."

Defense of Plan

Wayne Curry, who appeared faintly embarrassed by his role of apologist for the commission majority, attempted to soothe accusations that the Commission plan was politically motivated. He noted that the commission was appointed by a political entity to perform a political chore. In defense of the majority plan, he repeatedly stated that it was impossible to satisfy everyone. But he failed to specify exactly whom the commission's plan was designed to satisfy. He assured his listeners that the commission had spent many arduous hours trying to come up with the best plan possible that would attract three votes on the commission. The only reason no public hearing had been held on the plan, he explained, was the difficulty of this task, delaying its accomplishment until the very last minute.

Expectedly, Curry was subjected to more rigorous questioning than the other speakers. Greenbelt Councilman Gil Weidenfeld asked how the majority plan could be defended as compact and contiguous, one of the charter requirements. Curry replied that all districts were contiguous and as compact as possible. Curry's answer obviously did not satisfy the Greenbelt critics and the city council members made this dissatisfaction clear.

Roy Dabney, county council member from Bowie, defended the selection of a weekday morning for the hearing on the redistricting plan. The council's calendar, he said, was so full that no other time was available. He did promise to "do what we can to help Greenbelt" and pointed out that the best chance of prevailing upon the council to adopt a plan other than that recommended by the commission lies in concerted support for the Ennis revised plan. Castaldi repeated that Greenbelt had already expressed its support of the Ennis plan to the county council.

Led off by former councilman Charles Schwan, several Greenbelt citizens spoke in opposition to the commission's plan and in support of the Ennis revised plan. Schwan noted that the city is now in the midst of opposing the com-

Month of Music At Utopia Theatre

The Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center, after the success of "On Golden Pond" will feature a month of music in November.

Friday and Saturday, November 13 and 14, the Rosewood Chamber Orchestra, featuring Mary Beth Kiss, Erik Hillman, and Becky Staub, playing flute, piano and oboe, will provide two evenings of relaxing chamber music. These artists performed extensively as soloists as well as chamber musicians. Works of Igor Stravinsky, Eugene Goossens, Jean Michel Damase, and Domenico Cimarosa will be performed.

Friday, November 20, will bring Judy, Doc and Andy to play popular Broadway favorites and sing in "We're Singing Your Song."

Saturday, November 21, long-time Greenbelt resident Joan McFarland, classical vocalist who has performed at the Kennedy Center, will make her Utopia Theatre debut.

This varied musical program will conclude on Saturday, November 28. Tenor John Haugh, a classical and religious vocalist who drew large audiences at his appearance last year, and Ed Lewis, will hold a return performance.

All performances will begin at 8:15 p.m. at Utopia Theatre, 129 Centerway Rd. For more information, call 474-7763 or 345-3516 (evenings).

mission's plan by the political process; a legal challenge may come later. Allan Virta, Eunice Coxon and Dorothy Baluch all spoke briefly in support of the Ennis plan.

Muriel Weidenfeld urged Greenbelt citizens to assist in the petition drive which is currently underway and in the effort to get postcards to the County Council chairman in numbers large enough to convince the council that the voters — not just the politicians — are concerned.

Bingo

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SURVEYING ON RIDGE ROAD

The engineering firm of John D. Emler and Associates is surveying Ridge Rd. from Southway to Eastway in preparation for improvements under a Community Development Block Grant.

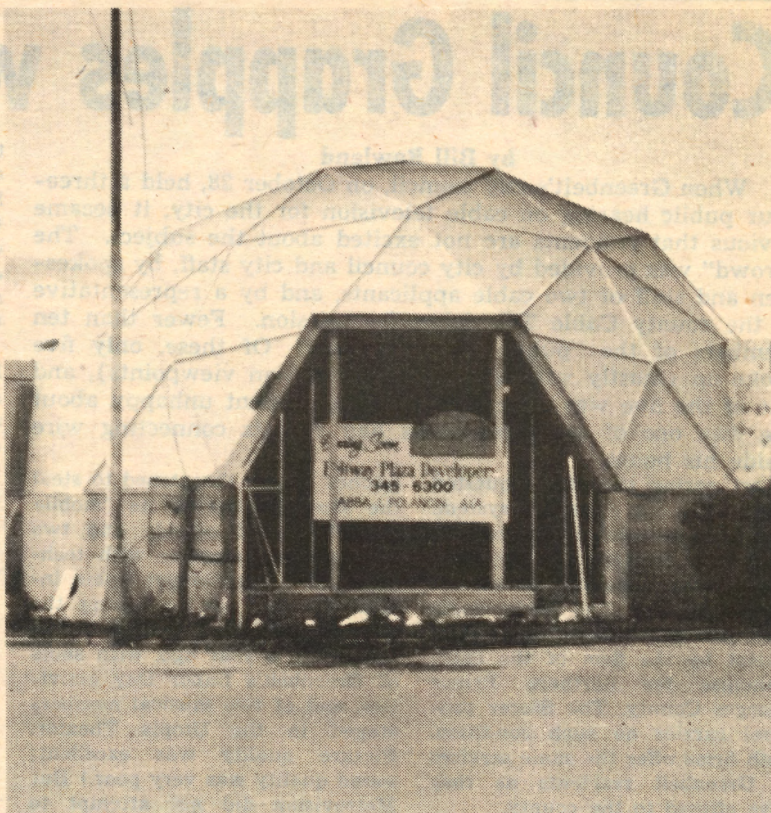
Cub Scout Pack 746

A guided tour of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad station by Cub Scout Pack 746 and families, and a talk on fire safety by Assistant Fire Chief William Dunn at their pack meeting gave real meaning to the Cub Scouts' October theme, "Be Fire Safe."

The firemen were cooperative in answering the many questions of both cubs and their families and gave them all a better idea of their work for the community. The pack appreciates the time and effort spent in their behalf.

The pack meeting held at Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church featured Assistant Chief Dunn, and a den report and yell by Den 1, led by Clementine Pinner; a Fire Safety skit by Den 2; a charter presentation by Ralph E. Noble, scouting coordinator; a spooky Ghost Story with all the trimmings; and awards presented by Elaine Jones, pack-committee chairlady. Refreshments were served.

The awards were earned by Jerome Farley—three silver arrow-points, David Woodworth—Wolf badge, Douglas Wilson—Bobcat badge, Jevon Pinner—Bobcat badge.



The Golden Dome coin-operated amusement arcade is under construction at the Beltway Plaza between the Big Boy Restaurant and Drug Fair. The facility is expected to open in November if the Board of Zoning Appeals approves the waiver of various set-back and landscape variances.

The Greenbelt City Council has recommended denial of the variances. Representatives of the Beltway Plaza Regional Center maintain that the granting of such variances is routine. The Board of Zoning Appeals heard the case in October and has taken the matter under advisement.

A mix-up in signals between the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission and the Department of Licenses and Permits resulted in the issuing of a building permit for the facility prior to hearing of the case by the Board of Zoning Appeals. — photo by staff photographer J. Henson

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Council Grapples with Tough Choice on Cable

by Bill Rowland

When Greenbelt's city council, on October 28, held a three-hour public hearing on cable television for the city, it became obvious that residents are not excited about the subject. The "crowd" was provided by city council and city staff, by spokesmen and staff of two cable applicants, and by a representative of the county Cable Television Commission. Fewer than ten members of the "public" were present. Of these, only five spoke up (mostly with questions rather than viewpoints), and one of the five was a Berwyn Heights resident unhappy about the way one of the cable firms had run its connecting wire inside his house.

Last spring the city requested proposals for a cable TV system. Two firms responded: Metrovision of Prince Georges County, Inc., and Storer Communications of Maryland, Inc. The Metrovision bid to the city is conditioned upon receipt by the firm of the cable franchise for northern Prince Georges County. The Storer proposal carries no such condition. Both firms offer the same services to Greenbelt residents as they have offered to the county.

The county's Cable Television Commission, in evaluating five applicants for the northern county franchise, has ranked Metrovision first and Storer third. The county council is expected to decide on award of a franchise on November 17. When (and if) the County Executive signs the franchise legislation passed by the county council, then the city will have 30 days within which to decide whether it wants to be a part of the county's northern-area cable system.

Other options for the city council are to set up its own franchise with Metrovision (if the firm wins the northern county franchise) or with Storer, or to decide not to have a cable franchise for the city — "just not bother with it," as City Manager James Giese expressed this final option.

Super Sales Effort

After the Executive Director of the county's Cable TV Commission had explained to council why the commission has recommended Metrovision over Storer, the councilmen were subjected to a heavy dose of salesmanship, first by Storer and then by Metrovision. Each firm brought in a prominent county resident who is a part-owner of the local corporation. Each cited significant national corporate affiliation and highly successful cable systems installed in major cities. Each claimed superior technical and management ability, as well as superior financial resources. Each promised, in effect, to bring the greatest amount of consumer satisfaction to Greenbelt's residents.

Amidst all the technical jargon, the glossy brochures, and the sales

tisan affiliations of county residents who are minority stockholders in the cable firms. If the Cable TV Commission's top choice, Metrovision, is not selected by the county, then Metrovision will not be a candidate for a Greenbelt-only franchise.

The city council is, despite the lack of citizen expression on the subject, under pressure to reach a decision on the issue. The city committed itself in writing, when it requested cable proposals, to make a definite decision on proposals received (even if that decision were to give out no franchise).

When the county grants a franchise, the 30-day limit for Greenbelt to opt in or out will impose another pressure. And then there is the fact that forms of cable are already creeping into the city, in Springhill Lake and Greenbriar, with the city unable to control them or to gain revenues from them (as would be possible with a franchise) because the cables do not cross public rights-of-way.

Cable TV Commission

Delores Early, Executive Director of the county's Cable Television Commission, said that she was not present to speak on behalf of any particular cable company. She listed five factors against which the written proposals of the five applicants for the northern area franchise had been evaluated. These were commercial services to subscribers (that is, response to subscriber complaints, arrangements for in-home hookup, etc.), nonentertainment services, financial capability, engineering system design, and responsiveness to community interests. On a point-scoring basis, Metrovision had been evaluated as superior to the other applicants, with Storer in third place.

Early offered some cautionary views to the city council. She urged that council not select a firm solely because its initial subscription rates are lower than those of a competitor. Instead, she said, the city should look at what the rate structure will be over the 15-year period of a franchise contract.

Early also advised council to look not for the highest franchise fee to the city, but instead for the proposal that offers the best overall balance. And finally, she pointed out that council should be very careful in making its decision because in choosing one firm for a franchise, council will be making a commitment with which the city's residents will have to live for the next 15 years.

In answer to a series of questions from council members, Early filled in more details about areas in which the commission had rated Metrovision higher than Storer. These included signal quality, systems design, financial capability, municipal access responsiveness, and commercial service to subscribers. Early could not remember whether there was much difference between the two firms in their responsiveness to community interests.

She said Storer's proposal would cost subscribers 27 percent more than would Metrovision's over the 15-year franchise period. Early also noted that Storer would offer a system with fewer total channels than would Metrovision, and emphasized that adding more channels later to an installed system would be very costly. When City Manager Giese asked Early whether some cable companies might be bidding "come-on prices," she replied that this was "very possible," and again emphasized the need to look at the entire 15-year picture.

Early also told the council that an attempt had been made by the commission to look at the "track records" of the competing firms in other parts of the country where they have installed cable systems. However, the findings could not be used because it proved impossible to compare system sizes in other areas with those planned for the county.

Early was asked what major advantages there might be for the city in joining the county's cable system rather than going it alone. In response, she referred primarily to better access to the institutional network, and summed it up by saying that in joining the county system, the city would conceivably get "the best of all worlds." When Giese remarked that the city is dissatisfied with the county's cable TV ordinance and also sees the county's fee-sharing formula as not favorable for the city, Early suggested that the city propose to the county specific changes in ordinance language that would remove those difficulties.

Later in the evening, the principal spokesman for Metrovision offered his opinion that the city would be better off tied to the county cable system, because the city on its own would not be able to afford as sophisticated a system as Metrovision proposes for the county. He said this advice would stand even if Storer wins the county northern-area franchise.

Storer

Winfield Kelly, former Prince Georges County Executive, made the presentation for Storer Communications of Maryland, Inc., of which he is a vice president. This local firm is a subsidiary of Storer Broadcasting Company, which owns a radio station and seven television stations, and which operates almost 400 cable franchises in 20 states. The local corporation has been operating in a number of municipalities within northern Prince Georges County for three years and now has about 4,000 subscribers "on line." Communities served by Storer include College Park, Berwyn Heights, and New Carrollton.

In his presentation to the city

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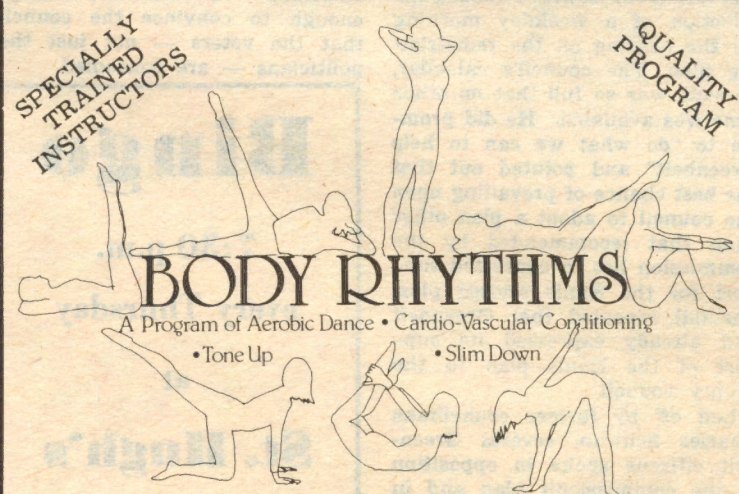
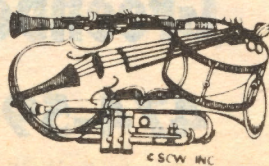
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5. Committees
6. President
7. Board Members



City Council eyes cable television, and vice versa. From left to right, councilmen Ed Putens, Tom White, mayor Richard Castaldi, and mayor pro tem Gil Weidenfeld, listen to a Cable TV presentation while they are being filmed. Present but not shown was councilman Dick Pilski.

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council, Kelly focused on item-by-item rebuttal of the evaluation of Storer's proposal as made by the Cable TV Commission. He ultimately implied that Storer was the victim of "bias" on the part of the commission. Kelly also felt that perhaps his firm should have presented itself better — should have used "the magic words" — in its written proposal to the county. At one point, Kelly offered the pessimistic view that even if the county council does choose Storer for the northern-area franchise, the county executive will veto the council action.

Kelly sees Storer as offering to the city a cable system that, in various particulars, would be superior to the system proposed by Metrovision. The biggest advantage, he told council, is that Storer, unlike Metrovision, is already operating cable systems within the county.

Metrovision

Metrovision of Prince Georges County is a corporation formed by 14 local residents and by Metrovision, Inc., which is headquartered in Atlanta and is a subsidiary of Newhouse Broadcasting Corporation. Newhouse owns and operates 31 daily newspapers, several well-known magazines, and Random House Publishing Corporation. Metrovision, which was incorporated about two years ago, has 160,000 cable subscribers in various parts of the country. Metrovision's five top officers emphasize their management experience as the senior executives of Cox Cable Communications, Inc. before they resigned to form Metrovision. The firm now has no cable systems within Prince Georges County.

Russell Shipley, a county attorney and one of the firm's local

owners, spoke briefly to council. He said that 20 percent of the stock of Metrovision of PG County is in local hands, with each stockholder liable in direct relationship to the amount of stock owned. The remaining 80 percent of stock is held by the parent firm in Atlanta.

The major presentation for Metrovision was done by Craig Magher, the Atlanta-based Vice President/Treasurer of the firm. Magher told council that between the Metrovision and Storer proposals, the city is looking at two very close bids. He went on to note that although Kelly had emphasized and then tried to discredit the findings of the Cable TV Commission, the county has a second, independent, evaluation upon which to base a franchise decision.

The county retained the Cable Television Information Center (CTIC), which Magher described as having an excellent reputation, to evaluate the five northern-area proposals. According to Magher, CTIC also chose Metrovision as having the better proposal. After listing various features of Metrovision's proposed system which Magher thinks show the desirability of their plan, Magher said that in summary he felt they had made a very superior bid to the county.

He told council that they must take into account the character of the company in deciding on a franchise. In that regard, he said, Metrovision has never been sued and has never had a franchise revoked.

During his presentation, Magher had suggested that Storer's projections of revenue were too optimistic. In reply to questions from council, he amplified the

In Greenbelt Park

On Saturday, November 7, at 10 a.m. there will be an Apple Head Doll Workshop. For reservations call 344-3948 or 344-3943.

There will be a campfire sing-along and nature walk on Sunday, November 8 at 10:30 a.m. An informal campfire warmup will be followed by a 1-mile hike along Blueberry Trail. Participants should bring mugs and marshmallows and meet at the Ranger Station. For information call 344-3943.

Rocket Launchings

Model rocket launchings are held every first and third Sunday from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the Goddard Space Flight Visitors Center. The public is invited.

Greenbelt Receives Awards In Anti-litter Campaign

J. F. Parsons of St. Hugh's school scored 4th in the C.Y.O. Cross-Country championship race at Fort Dupont Park, Washington, D.C. on October 22. Parsons ran the 3,000 meters (1.83 mile) course in 12:48 over a very hilly course with the winner running 12:08. Both Parsons and Brian Riva competed in the 11-12 division cross-country meets this year for St. Hugh's.

statement by saying that if revenue projections are too high, it raises a question as to whether the company involved will be able to do everything it has promised. Magher also told council of his opinion (as noted earlier in this article) that the city would be able to get a more sophisticated cable system for its residents if it ties in with the county system.

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Manager's Report

The city council took up the cable television issue at its first regular meeting (on November 2) after its public hearing on the subject. City Manager James Giese, in a written report, recommended to council "that the city award its own franchise rather than participating with the county franchise. It is felt that the city would have better control of access to the government access channels if this is done." Giese further recommended that council defer the subject of cable television to its first meeting in December, and that it not award a franchise until after the county does so.

Giese's report continued: "It is my inclination to recommend awarding the franchise to Metrovision — even though both proposals are approximately equal — on the basis that the city would have better access to county public programming, and Metrovision, with the county franchise, would have a larger population to serve than Storer and, therefore, greater revenues and greater capabilities to provide a greater variety of local origination programs." Giese added that if Metrovision does not get the county franchise, then council would have to choose Storer for a city franchise.

Giese, in his report, told council, "It should be noted that Metrovision is the recommended first choice of the county Cable Television Commission. Storer, on the other hand, has had a very aggressive sales promotion, has paid particular attention to the municipal governments in Prince Georges County, and has been favorably recognized by many of the

municipalities by the award of franchises. This evident interest in municipalities is something well appreciated. However, consideration must be given to the fact that at present the city has been dealing with local representatives of the two firms who are minority stockholders.

"After the franchise battles are all fought and won, the various governments awarding franchises can be expected to be dealing subsequently with the main companies rather than the local representatives; and there is no assurance that the interest exhibited in municipal governments now shown by either of the two firms will be shown to the same extent in the future."

Councilman Richard Pilski emphatically stated his opposition to the city manager's recommendation that council defer action on the cable issue. He said he feels it is important for the city to go on record with a choice between the two applicants, as a possible influence on county officials when they are deciding award of the county's northern-area franchise. Pilski said the city would have to live with the county decision for years, and Greenbelt might have more control over some elements of who gets the county franchise if the city acts first. As to the city manager's written comments about the future role of local owners of the cable firms, Pilski declared that these persons will not become "figureheads" if the city does not let that happen.

The council members agreed to meet in a work session the next night (November 3) to discuss cable television.

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Center School PTA Holds Halloween Party

by Corine Comulada

Center School PTA held its first community Halloween party on October 31, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. For children under 12 and their parents, the party, held in the Center School gym, was a huge success. A small admission entitled both young and old to a variety of games, relay races, fortune-telling, cookie decorating, cider, candy and other activities. Musical entertainment was provided by serape-clad Dick Celdrin, who sang and played a guitar.

A big attraction was the eerie haunted house set up behind the stage curtain. This feature drew the most attention and the longest lines. The ravishing "kissing witch" had her own little booth in the center of the room, but was rarely there—she, with her curly black hair, shawl, and face complete with warts, preferred to circulate among her "admirers". Another mysterious figure, dressed completely in a white shroud, proved to be an efficient photographer. This "mystery person" also circulated among the richly costumed crowd. Stage decorations consisted of carved jack-o-lanterns of all shapes and sizes. A giant carved green squash with a gourd nose and cornstalks formed a Halloween scarecrow.

Parents, teachers and children tried to outdo each other with imaginative costumes. One child dressed like the Empire State Building with a stuffed toy monkey depicting King Kong. Other children came dressed as computers, robots, vampires, clowns, witches and Star Wars characters. Two brothers came as swamp creatures. Parents disguised themselves as Indiana Jones (of "Raiders of the Lost Ark" fame), Dracula with a stake in his chest, medieval ladies, and hoboes. An imaginative child came dressed as a tube of Colgate toothpaste complete with a four-foot-long toothbrush.

Highlights of the evening were a cartoon show and drawings for 13 door prizes. As Beverly Colvin, PTA President, drew tickets from an appropriate jack-o-lantern, lucky winners received prizes of Super Slime, rubber spiders, balloons and lollipop pens. A "gorilla" helped distribute prizes. The thirteenth door prize was a real novelty—a door. The winner of the door also got \$1 million in play money to buy a house. Departing children received a "treat" (decorated bags containing candy and cookies).

Colvin, dressed as a Pilgrim, was impressed by the attendance. She said that the idea was to achieve unity among Center, St. Hugh's, and former North End students. She also stated that the party would probably become an annual event.

8 Year Old Soccer

by Sue Cornelius

Greenbelt suffered its first loss in two seasons on November 1 against second place Cheverly. The game was a real thriller as both teams played excellent and very intense defense. But Greenbelt could not come up with a goal and ended up with a close 1-0 loss.

Greenbelt showed outrageous midfield control due to strategy—skill exhibited by Nick Jones, Colin Joseph and John Stringfellow.

Greenbelt is still in first place, and Sunday's game against College Park will be very important to the final team standings.

But regardless of the final outcome, this Greenbelt team has grown and learned an incredible amount of individual soccer skills, as well as the importance of team effort. That is what soccer is all about—working together on the field as a team. The 8-year-old soccer team has learned this and the way to play good, clean, honest soccer. Greenbelt is proud of this team.

Walk-in Counseling Center

The Prince Georges County public schools have opened six evening walk-in counseling centers to provide information, referral and counseling services to students and their parents.

Staffed by certified personnel from the school system's offices of Guidance, Pupil Personnel Services and Psychological Services, the walk-in counseling centers will be open from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. one night a week. Those closest to Greenbelt are Calverton Elementary in Beltsville and Northwestern High School in Hyattsville on Tuesdays.

In addition trained counselors at 3 schools including Northwestern will also offer the General Aptitude Test Battery (GATB) on their evenings of operation.

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For more information and for a list of other centers call Dr. Jean Phillips, coordinator, at 952-4620.

SCHOOL FURNITURE SALE

A sale of used school furniture will be held at the former Beltsville Elementary School, 4600 Powder Mill Road, on Nov. 6 and 7 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Prince Georges County Public Schools, all items will be sold on a 'cash & carry' basis, although institutional checks will be permitted. Items include desks, tables, storage cabinets, bookcases, aquariums and animal cages.

Energy Savings Show At Greenbelt Library

The City of Greenbelt in conjunction with the Greenbelt Library and Prince Georges County Office of Emergency Preparedness (OEP) are sponsoring an audio/visual slide presentation to help all Greenbelt residents combat today's high energy costs. The slide show, titled "The Low Cost-No Cost Energy Savings Plan," produced by OEP, will contain suggestions that could mean a savings of 25% or more on home energy bills.

The slide show will be presented at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 17 in the Greenbelt Library. Following the slide show a question and answer session will be conducted by a representative of the OEP Energy Conservation Division. Energy savings related books and pamphlets will be available for participants.

All Greenbelt residents are invited to attend.

Our Neighbors

Ensign Ruth Wagner, daughter of Evelyn Wagner, is now stationed in Washington. Ruth, on active duty with the United States Naval Reserves, graduated from Officer Candidates School in Newport, Rhode Island in July. Ruth and her husband Harry have three children, Naomi, David and Sarah.

James C. Windle has been promoted in the U.S. Air Force to the rank of technical sergeant. Windle, a security supervisor at Andrews Air Force Base with the 1776th Security Police Squadron, is the son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Levine of Eastway.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Pearl Levine who recently underwent surgery.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Carrie Harper, who was recently hospitalized for illness.

Airman Mario C. Burke, son of Joan M. Burke of Springhill Court, has completed Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. The airman will now begin on-the-job training in the supply field at Andrews Air Force Base.

The Association for the Severely Handicapped met in New York City recently and was attended by Craig S. Knoll, of Southway, the Director of the Ardmore Developmental Center in Mitchellville. Volena Glover of Lanham and Linda Littleton of Greenbelt, also attended. The convention met to discuss programs for individuals who are handicapped.

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Recreation Review

Men's "A" Basketball League

The Greenbelt Rec. Dept. is now taking registrations for the 1982 basketball league. Competition will be held in the Youth Center Gym, on Sun. evenings beginning January 3, 1982. Deadline for registration is 5 p.m. Friday, December 18. A franchise fee is charged for each team. For information, call Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-5 p.m., 474-6878.

Halloween Costume Winners

On Fri., October 30, the Youth Center was the scene for the Annual Halloween Costume Parade and Party sponsored by the Rec. Depart. The celebration was very exciting and somewhat scary. All the children received candy and some received prizes for the best costumes in the particular age group. The winners were as follows: Pre-School/Kindergarten - Brenda Cantwell, Clown; Corita Jones witch; Michael Collins, Raggedy Andy; Kelly Smith, Clown; Kelli Jones, Raggedy Ann; Jessica Kalsukis, Clown; Peter and Jeff Trimer, Owls. In the 1st and 2nd grades winners were Marie Wilkinson, Princess; Cynthia Dziduch, Angel; Melissa Marconi, Ghost; Joshua Lefchick, Monster. For the 3rd and 4th graders—Laura Shields, Colgate Toothpaste; Doug Wilson, King; Amy Heller, Rubic's Cube; Brian Rudy, Dracula. Last but by no means least, the 5th and 6th graders—Julie Foster, Slot Machine, and Eldo Brown as characters from Star Wars.

Seniors Celebrate Halloween

The Seniors also got into the swing of the season with their party on Wed., Oct. 28. Held in the Youth Center Gym, before a pot luck luncheon and dancing to the "Swingers", was a costume

Sen. Dorman to Discuss Maryland Reapportionment

Sen. Arthur Dorman, chairman of the Prince Georges Delegation in Annapolis, will speak on "Reapportionment in Maryland" at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, November 8 at a Paint Branch Unitarian Church forum. One of the reasons used to support the gerrymander that will put Greenbelt in the same county council district with Bowie is that the two municipalities are in the same legislative district. Sen. Dorman will answer questions on the proposed reapportionment in districts for the State legislature, which will affect Greenbelt.

The church is located on Powder Mill Road slightly south of its intersection with Cherry Hill Rd.

parade. Winners were Becky Soule, Clown; Gertrude Law, Miss Piggy; Dorothy Milech, Golden Grannie and Kitty Kat, Katie Basinger.

Center Holiday Hours

The Greenbelt Youth Center and SHL Rec. Center will open at 12 noon on Wednesday, November 11 to accommodate the adults and children on their holiday.

Tenth Annual Craft Show and Sale

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Police Blotter

compiled by Mavis Fletcher

A resident of Lakecrest Drive turned in to the Greenbelt Police Dept. two Peter Paul Mounds miniature candy bars which had been given to her child on Halloween. The wrappers had been opened at one end and there was a mark in each candy bar which could have been a puncture mark from a syringe. Cpl. Michael D. Craddock, who investigated the incident, checked for the presence of a needle or other foreign matter but found none. The candy bars have been sent to the Maryland State Police Laboratory for chemical analysis. There have been no reports of illness made to the Police Department.

At approximately 1 a.m. on October 30 a female Washington, D.C. resident was reportedly forced at knifepoint into a car on M Street in the District and eventually driven to a wooded area off Laurel Hill Rd., where she was raped twice. The man then left, telling her to remain in the area. The suspect is a white male, about 5'8", about 30 years old, with a slim build, brown shoulder length hair and a moustache. He was wearing gray dress trousers and a white dress shirt with a stripe. The vehicle in which the victim was driven out to Greenbelt was a medium-size car with a black top and a red body with a black interior and bucket seats.

As Detectives Ernest W. Brumley and Terrence M. McGrath were driving the rape victim back to Washington, they saw two Greenbelt residents for whom felony warrants were outstanding. The detectives notified the Metropolitan Police and the two suspects were placed under arrest for extradition to Maryland. When arrested they were in possession of a stolen car which had been repainted and a concealed weapon, a handgun.

A no-force breaking and entering occurred in the Lakeside North apartments on October 30 during daylight hours.

Another no-force breaking and entering occurred on Westway Drive on October 26 during daylight hours. Entry was gained through sliding glass doors which had a defective lock. Jewelry and cash were taken.

A burglary took place in an apartment on Westway on October 27 between 10:25 and 10:56 p.m. A T.V. and a stereo were removed.

Pfc. James D. Love charged a male and a female non-resident juvenile with breaking and entering, which occurred late on October 30 or early on October 31. A stereo and liquor were taken.

The Delta Hosiery store in Greenway Shopping Center was broken into in the early evening of October 31. Some cash was removed.

Two apartments on Breezewood Terrace were also entered. Cash was taken from one and a TV and stereo from the other.

Pfc. Daniel P. O'Neil arrested a disorderly subject for breaking windows on Lakecrest Drive. He also arrested a local adult resident for tampering with a Postal vehicle parked on the city lot.

Another no-force entry took

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middle frame unit will face an increase of \$19.50 per month. (The overall average increase for frame units is 8.94%.)

If that member has installed his own windows, he would receive an "interest credit" of \$8 per month. In addition, if his heating plant is decommissioned on July 1, he will receive an energy rebate of \$225 spread over five months or \$41 per month. Thus his increase of \$19.50 would drop to \$11.50 from January to July and become a decrease of \$33.50 for July through November. Beginning with December all members would be paying directly to the electric company for heat with no help from GHI.

In a second example, the average increase for a two-bedroom middle masonry unit would be \$10 per month. (The overall average increase for masonry units is 4.38%). In this example, the member would be entitled to an \$8 "interest credit" if the unit has been converted to electric heat and an 11-month energy rebate totaling \$665 or \$60 per month.

Garages

Rent increases of about 10% are proposed for all garages.

Monthly Charge:

	old	new
open garage	\$12	13
closed garage	15	16.50

The extra income is to be funneled into increased maintenance, repair and painting, for the garages.

Increases

An across-the-board 7% wage/salary increase, approved by the board on October 23, is factored into the budget.

Management has set up a "four-year comprehensive rehab-related and deferred maintenance program" for all units. The study, designed in part to see what GHI's employment needs will be, shows no drop. Rather, needs will increase for 3 years and then decrease again with the nature of the work gradually shifting. Mitter would like to keep the present personnel because they are familiar with the housing co-ops needs and problems, by offering opportunities to learn new skills. Specific projects include (1) warranty compliance, (2) trim paint, (3) drywall repair, (4) porch roof and deck repair, (5) parking area painting and repair, (6) swale work, (7) storm drainage repair/replacement, (8) sidewalk repair (a county code violation, now 30% completed), and others.

In most cases these items rep-

place during the day in the 9100 block of Springhill Lane on October 27. Coins were taken.

resent a catchup effort on regular maintenance which has been deferred during rehab, or rehab-related work which will be transferred into the maintenance department.

Also included in the budget is the first year (\$50,000) of a five-year plan to recoup budget deficits from prior years.

In addition the staff architect's office shows a substantial increase. Partly, it reflects the fact that a portion of the costs expected to be paid for by grant money was not obtained and partly because staff architect costs that it was thought could be charged to rehab, could not be.

New Idea

President Jim Smith reported that several new ideas that have been directly or indirectly cranked into the budget came from the recent National Assn. of Housing Cooperatives meeting in Detroit which he, Mitter and Shekar Narasimhan attended. An annual retreat for the board and top management immediately following the annual board election is included in the budget for next year. The purpose is to introduce new board members, and to review how the corporation works, its present policies and direction for the coming year.

Odds and Ends

Staff is researching possible purchase of a small computer. The TRS-80 Model II (business model) recently purchased is primarily a word-processor. Also under study is a new telephone system for the administration building giving members better access to the various offices. Staff members say they are sometimes embarrassed by having to tell a member that his call cannot be transferred to another office, thus requiring the member to place a second call. "It sounds as though we're giving members the run-around," they say.

Adding some extra expense is the fact that staff expects to put out 5 or 6 editions of the Newsletter each year instead of one or two. Also printing charges are up.

Larger Homes

Last year members in larger homes asked not to be included in the rehab program, opting instead for a "pay as you go" program. The board added \$2000 to the larger homes reserves and asked management to draw up a plan. Board member Steve Curtis listed problems that are already known and should be addressed: (1) water in basements. (2)

48 and 69 courts Ridge and 6, 7, 8 and 20 courts Research.

GHI NOTES

A membership briefing on the 1982 GHI budget will be held November 5 at 8 p.m. in Greenbelt City Council Chambers. At the next regular Board meeting 8 p.m. November 12 in the GHI Board Room the Board of Directors will conclude its discussion of the budget.

All contracts for vinyl siding for additions have been sent out. Members who want their additions sided must sign and return all three copies of the contract by November 13. Frame home members with additions who did not receive this material should call 474-6644. Members who are currently building additions and want vinyl siding for them should call the Staff Architect's Office at 474-0720 when the addition is complete enough to measure for siding.

The approximate rehab schedule for plumbing work is 10 court Plateau November 4-9 and 12 court Plateau November 10-12. During November, vinyl siding work will be done at 38, 42, 44, 46,

movement of retaining walls (may pull out side walls, causing serious damage) and (3) siding (paint or replace). He recommended adding significantly to their budget, commenting that "their budget has been slighted in the last few years."

During inspections, the GHI Resale Inspector has noticed that doors in some houses are missing. Anyone who has extra doors is asked to donate them to the GHI Warehouse. For pickup call 474-6011.

Management is pleased to report that Thomas Lynch has joined GHIDC as Project Superintendent. Lynch was working for Curtin and Johnson as Senior Project Manager in charge of all residential construction in Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia. He also served as Controller for National Capital Developers, a residential division of Curtin and Johnson.

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